Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—That will not be seen.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Do they propose to take any action on the token motions?

President.—If any action is considered necessary, then it will be taken.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—So, they have not been considered.

President.—Those details are not necessary. If you say such and such things were stated in the Council such and such token cuts were passed, was any action taken on them, then we will be able to give an answer. If the Government have not taken action in a specific case you may ask whether they propose to take any action on that.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The answer to my supplementary question was 'anything will find a place in the Gazette.' I wanted to know whether anything was taken?

President.—I remember distinctly that some cut motions were taken into consideration and orders passed.

Copyists in the Judicial Department.

91. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) was there a re-organisation of the Copyists' Establishment - Civil Judicial—in 1083 M. E ;

(b was the Copyists' Establishment of the Civil Courts made permanent in Vrischigam 1087 and were a few of the copyists allowed to remain in service till they attain 55 years of age and to retire without pension or gratuity;

(c) on what ground were they allowed to remain in service till 55 years;

(d) how many of such copyists had to retire without pension since then;

(e) of these still in service, how many are to retire without pension;

(f) what are the reasons for retiring them without pension?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) On the ground that there was enough of Malayalam work for the said copyists and that there was no prospect of their getting suitable employment in case they were thrown out all on a sudden.

(d) Eighteen.

(e) Seven.

(f) At the time the Copyist Establishment was made permanent all the said copyists were over 35 years old and so to have entertained them on the permanent establishment would

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have only added to the non-effective charges by the Government having to pay them higher pension when the services obtained from them were not long. There was also no continuous record of their service before the year 1083. Most of those copyists had also given an undertaking not to claim pension or gratuity in case they were allowed to remain in service till the age of 55.

92. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) how many years of service are necessary for a Government servant to make him eligible for proportionate pension;

(b) how many years of service have each of those copyists, who have retired without pension put in:

(c) from which year did the Government begin to calculate their services?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) The Member is referred to article 211 of *the C. S. R.*

(b) and (c). The information is not ready, but is being collected.

93. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) have any of those copyists, who had to retire without pension asked for proportionate penison, gratuity or an extension of their term of service;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, what was the recommendations of the Chief Court on each and what was the Government's reply in each of those cases;

(c) will the Government also kindly place those petitions with the remarks, if any, thereon by the Chief Court or any of the lower courts and the orders passed by the Government on each on the table?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) To gather the information laborious search is necessary and Government do not think it necessary to do so. Government refused their request.

(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to (b).

94. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state how these copyists were paid before 1083 and what was the nature of their service?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—They were paid a moiety of the fees, levied as copying fees. The second part of the question is not definite.

95. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) were these copyists in non-pensionable service paid any allowance subsequent to 1087;

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(b) for what purpose was such allowance given and on what calculation;

(c) is such allowance now given to them; if not, when and why was it stopped?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a), (b) and (c). The information is being collected.

96. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of giving pension to those copyists who had retired since 1087 and now living, and to those in service when they retire?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—The Government propose to keep an open mind till the resolution on the subject tabled for this session is considered by the Council.

97. Mr. K. S. Rama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware that copyists in Civil Courts in British India are given an allowance while in service and also pension from the date of their retirement?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—No.

Motion regarding the official conduct of the Excise Superintendent.

98. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) whether they are aware that owing to the official conduct of the present Superintendent of Excise, the Hon'ble Member from Vyttila, had tabled a token motion during the last budget session, to censure the Superintendent's conduct;

(b) whether they are aware that the President of the Legislative Council announced at the closing of the Council that he would consider the desirability of taking steps to expunge the proceedings of the Council with reference to the censure motion on the ground the Council has no right to censure any officer of the Government;

(c) what steps have been taken by the Government towards the expunging of the objectionable portions from the official proceedings of the Council;

(d) is the Government aware of the particulars of the official conduct animadverted to in the censure motion above stated;

(e) if so, will the Government be pleased to state whether any enquiry has been made by them as to the correctness or otherwise of the conduct of the Excise Superintendent, with reference to the promotion or degradation of the officials concerned in this case;

(f) has the Government called for any report on the matter;

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